

to publishers, authors and illustrators to bring out books for neo-literates;

- (iii) the scheme for subsidised publication of books under which assistance is provided to publishers and authors for bringing out books for higher education sector;
- (iv) the publication of the catalogue of books recommended for translation; and
- (v) the publication of the catalogue of select Indian books for children.

(d) National Book Trust brings out popular books on a variety of subjects, including translations of significant creative works of Indian languages, in English, Hindi and 11 other Indian languages. The Trust also provides assistance for publishing books for children, neo-literates and the higher education sector on the condition that these are made available at reasonable prices under its different publishing series.

Financial Assistance for Sports in Lakshadweep

1152. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide any financial assistance to students showing excellent performance in sports at Lakshadweep; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD

DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) and (b). The students of all the States/UTs, who are proficient in sports and below the age of 17 years are eligible for scholarship under the "Sports Talent Search Scholarship" Scheme being operated by Sports Authority of India. There are 1200 nos. of National scholarships and 2095 nos. of State/UT scholarship of Rs. 2700 and Rs. 1800 each per annum respectively. However, so far no students from Lakshadweep are receiving assistance under this Scheme.

[Translation]

Cancellation of Chandigarh Express

1153. SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 4587/88 Chandigarh Express between Lalgarh and Chandigarh has been cancelled;

(b) if so the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Delhi bound bogies which used to be attached to Chandigarh Express from Lalgarh via Suratgarh and Bhatinda previously have been detached now; and

(d) whether the said bogies are now being attached to Udyan Abha train in Bhatinda and remain there for six hours and the passengers have to suffer inconvenience as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to difficult law and order situation in Punjab.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir.